

Remarks

Claim 27 has been amended by deleting non-elected subject matter. Claim 16 has been amended to clarify the previous amendments made to claim 14. Claim 14 has been amended at R³ to make the claim consistent with the proviso in view of the previous amendment made to R⁴ and R⁵. Claim 14 has further been amended by inserting the group "pyridinyl" into the definition of R¹ and inserting the group "benzothienyl" into the definition of R². No new matter is added with this amendment. The amendments draw support from the specification in that specific compounds with such substitution are cited in the specification and claim 27. For example, regarding compounds having a benzothienyl at R², see pages 174-175 of the specification and compounds and (3R)-3-(((5-chloro-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)sulfonyl)amino)-N-(6-(((1,1-dimethylethyl)amino)methyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenyl)-3-phenylpropanamide and (3R)-3-(((5-chloro-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)sulfonyl)amino)-3-phenyl-N-(6-(1-piperidinylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenyl)propanamide of claim 27. For compounds having a pyridinyl group at R¹, see pages 180-183 of the specification and (3R)-3-(((5-chloro-1-benzothien-2-yl)sulfonyl)amino)-3-(6-(methyloxy)-3-pyridinyl)-N-((1R)-6-(1-piperidinylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenyl)propanamide and (3R)-3-(6-(methyloxy)-3-pyridinyl)-N-((1R)-6-(1-piperidinylmethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenyl)-3-((3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl) amino)propanamide.

Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

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